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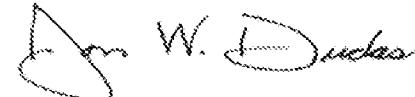
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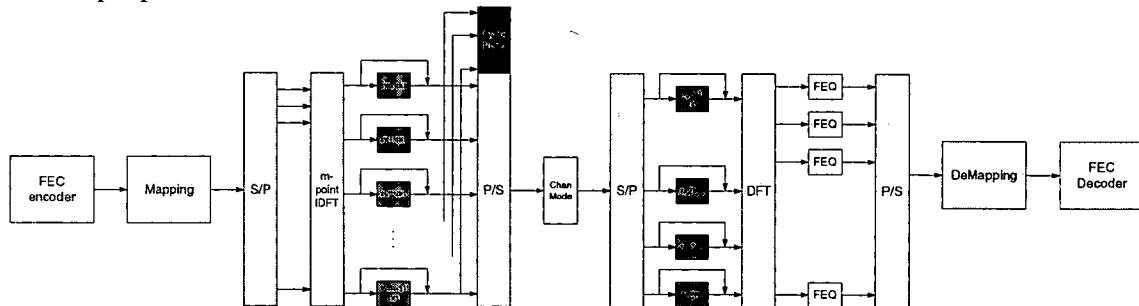
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A system with a scalable physical layer implementation for communication over conventional electric wires delivering electricity in the wide range of voltage levels (90VAC to 20kVAC) and frequencies (40Hz to 400 Hz)

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There exists the need to provide a robust communication over conventional electric wires. Depending on the application and/or region of the world the requirements associated with physical layer implementation may vary. In some cases a high degree of spectral containment is desirable, in other cases the ability to operate in the presence of impairments is preferable. The method described in this invention allows a cost-efficient implementation of the physical layer. The method results into a re-configurable physical layer design that allows the implementation to be configured to operate as either a wavelet based multi-carrier communication block or the same block based on classic OFDM principals.

In the preferred embodiment of the system, backwards compatibility with the well-known HomePlug 1.0 specification is achieved. The preferred embodiment illustrates the application of the method, but should not be viewed as a limiting factor to scope of the method proposed.



Note1: Best for wavelet only; Dbc for DFT only; Yellow used for both
 Note2: To backward compatible, M=1536/676 points FFT @ 75MHz
 Note3: To backward compatible, FEC w/TPC + Reed-Solomon Codes + Convolutional Codes
 Note4: Prefer Reed-Solomon Codes + Trellis Codes
 Note5: For large scale environment, bypass (c), and cyclic Prefix for each symbol;
 For small scale environment, without cyclic Prefix, go through (b)

The system operates in two modes. One mode, is a wavelet-like filtered-band OFDM or FFT OFDM. This mode is ideal where there is a small environment or light multi-path environment such as smaller homes in Japan or Korea. In this mode, the system works in the wavelet-like mode, which can yield highest throughput by omitting the cyclic prefix. Studies find that filtered-band OFDM only has ability of handling multi-path of about 10% of the symbol length. The second mode, for large-scale environments, or in environments where the impulse response length is longer than 10% of symbol's length, the system will insert the cyclic prefix at the beginning of the symbol. In this mode, the system runs in a traditional FFT-based OFDM mode, bypassing the wavelet filter.

Claims:

1. A method of a cost-efficient physical layer implementation that combines both wavelet and classic OFDM-based communication over conventional electric wires operating at various voltage and frequency levels.
2. A method in claim 1 that further provides a compatibility with a well-known HomePlug 1.0 specification.
3. A method of intelligent mode of operation selection based on the dynamic channel analysis.
4. A method of mode of operation selection based on the region profile.
5. A method of mode of operation selection based on the application profile.
6. A method of a symbol-size selection based on the connection-oriented profile.
This approach allows an improved efficiency in channel utilization by selecting small (therefore shorter) symbols in tolerable channel conditions for small payloads such as voice codec packets.
7. A system that implements the above methods.
8. An SoC that provides an implementation of the above where configuration and control are achieved under software control.